

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. F-7-118

Magi No. 1171175304

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Keto Log House

2. Location

street & number Mt. Ephraim Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Buckeystown ☒ vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Keto

street & number 7007 Meadow Lane telephone no.:

city, town Chevy Chase state and zip code Maryland 20815

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number Frederick, Maryland folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sites Inventorydate July 1983 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The following brief description is based on two photographs taken in the early summer of 1983 which were sent to the Trust by Mrs. Keto. At this time, the building has not been examined in detail.

The Keto Log House is located on the west side of Mt. Ephraim Road approximately 4 miles southeast of Buckeystown and one mile northwest of Sugar Loaf Mountain in the southernmost part of Frederick County.

The house is of log construction and was built in at least two parts. The main house is two stories high and three bays wide with a steeply pitched gable roof. This house, probably dating to the late 18th or early 19th centuries, was enlarged at an early date by a two story log addition that projects from one gable end, continuing the overall height, form and roof pitch of the original house. A stone and brick chimney is visible on the exposed gable end of the main house and a more massive brick chimney shaft projects from the other gable end, now incorporated into the later addition.

The log walls of the early house are carefully worked and are joined at the corners with V-notch corner construction. A one story lean-to porch evidently protected the first story of the front facade until recently, as the logs are whitewashed and have never been covered with siding. The rest of the building has been covered with plain horizontal siding and a later covering of roll tarpaper. The log walls are chinked with what appears to be mud mortar with stone rubble infill. The eaves are boxed in; the roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The centrally located door in the front facade is flanked by a single window on each side; there are two smaller window openings on the second floor of this facade. This fenestration pattern and the overall form of the house suggest a hall and parlor floor plan is likely; though it could also be a center passage plan or a more complex plan.

A bulkhead cellar entrance is located adjacent to the stone chimney on the exposed gable end of the original house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

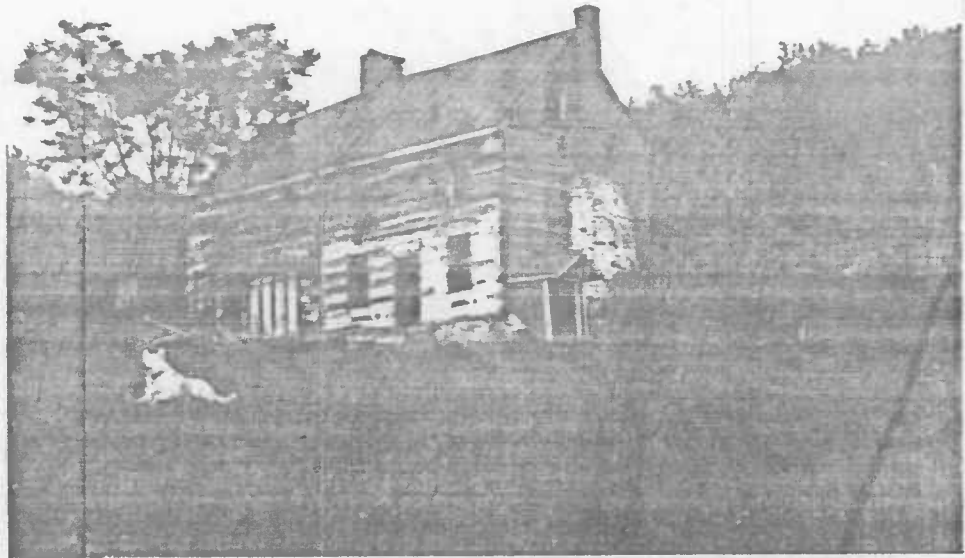
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and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

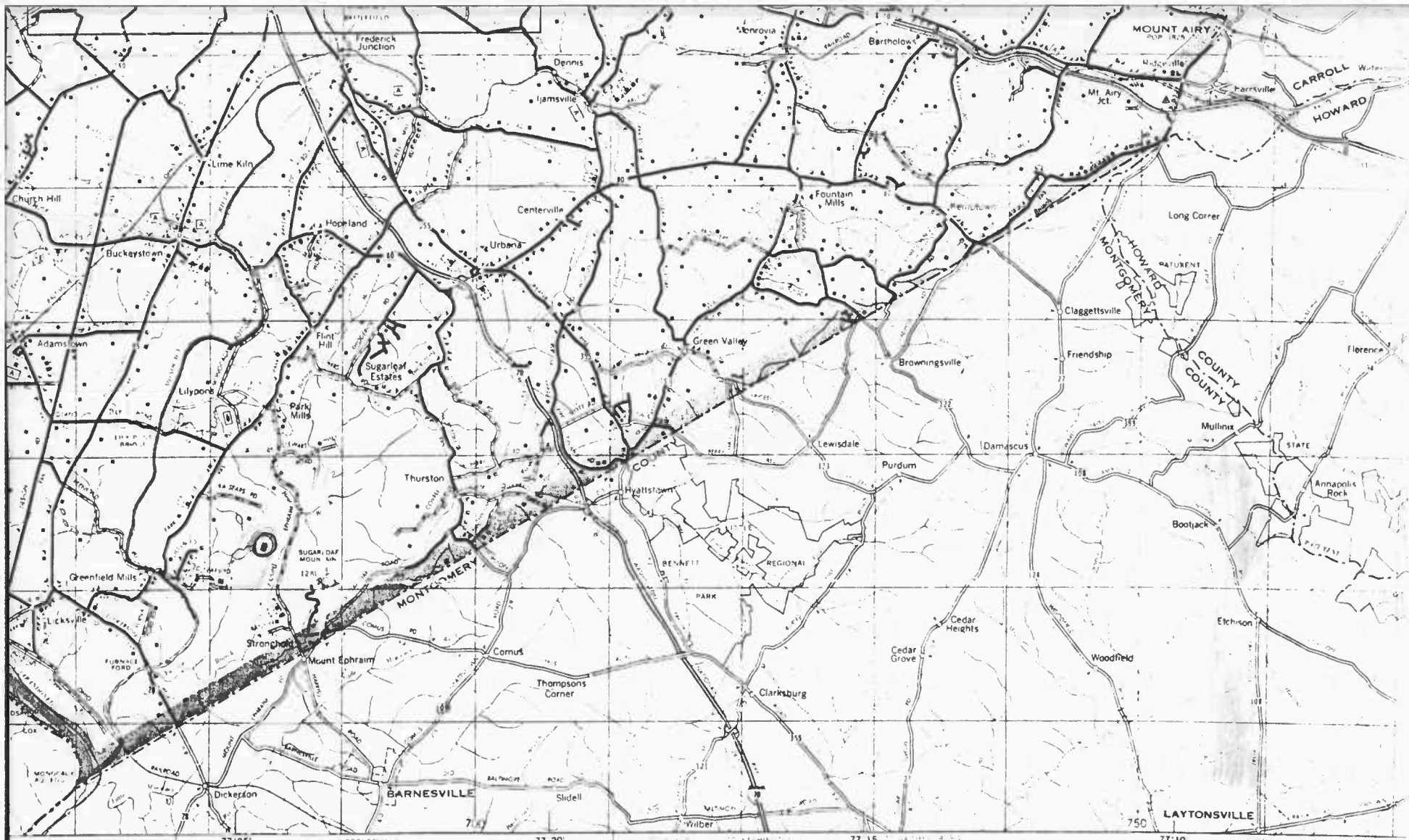
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Keto House is an excellent example of a relatively large and substantial log dwelling. The original section, probably dating to the late 18th or early 19th century, was enlarged at an early date by a two story gable end log addition. Notable features include the carefully worked V-notch log construction, the exposed whitewashed logs once protected by a front porch, and the stone and brick chimneys on either gable end.

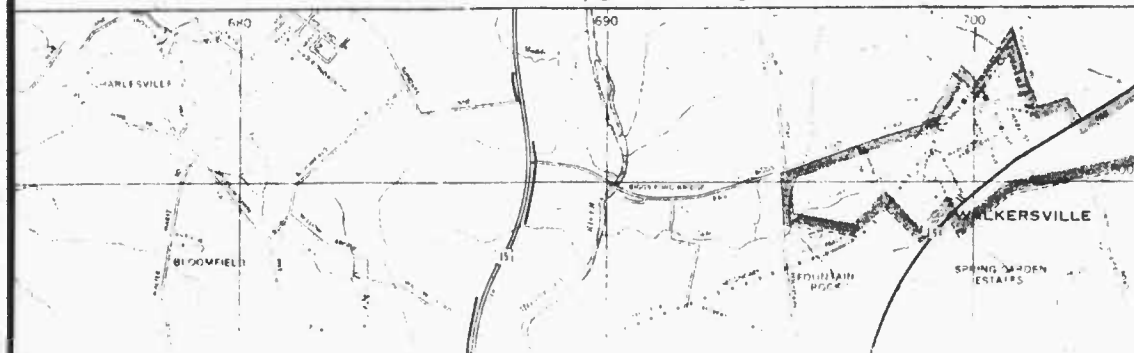


F-7-118 Keto Log House, Sugar Loaf Mountain vicinity. Top: Front elevation. Right: Detail of corner construction. Color photography by the owner.



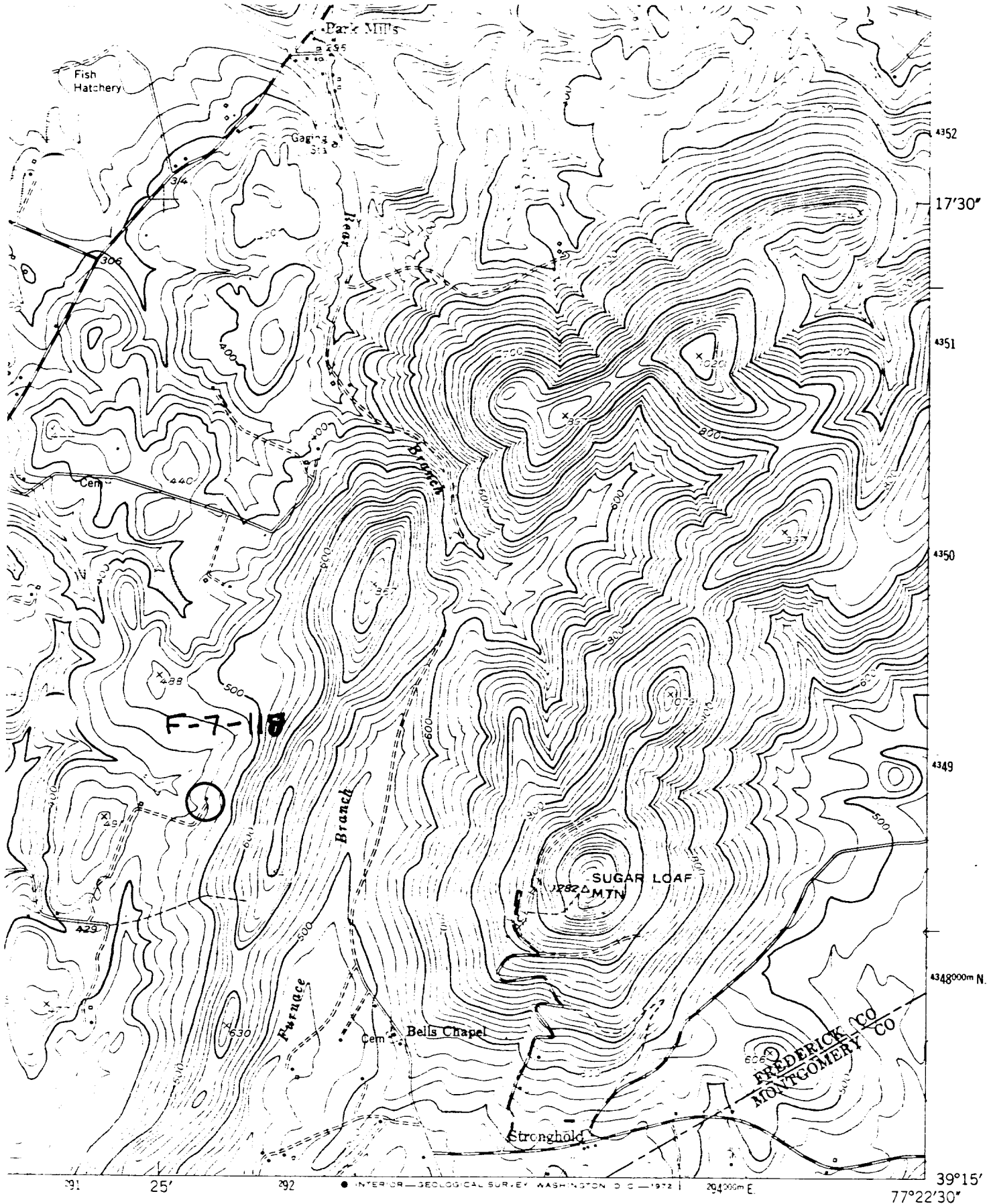


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 FREDERICK *The house is circled in red. It was not actually on the MD -- FREE map - It has not been inhabited since 1945.*



map - It has not been inhabited since 1945. & possibly no longer appears on tax roles.

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 3010 Moorland Lane
 Bethesda, Maryland 20014
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
FREDERICK
COUNTY



1 MILE

WATER

MAP

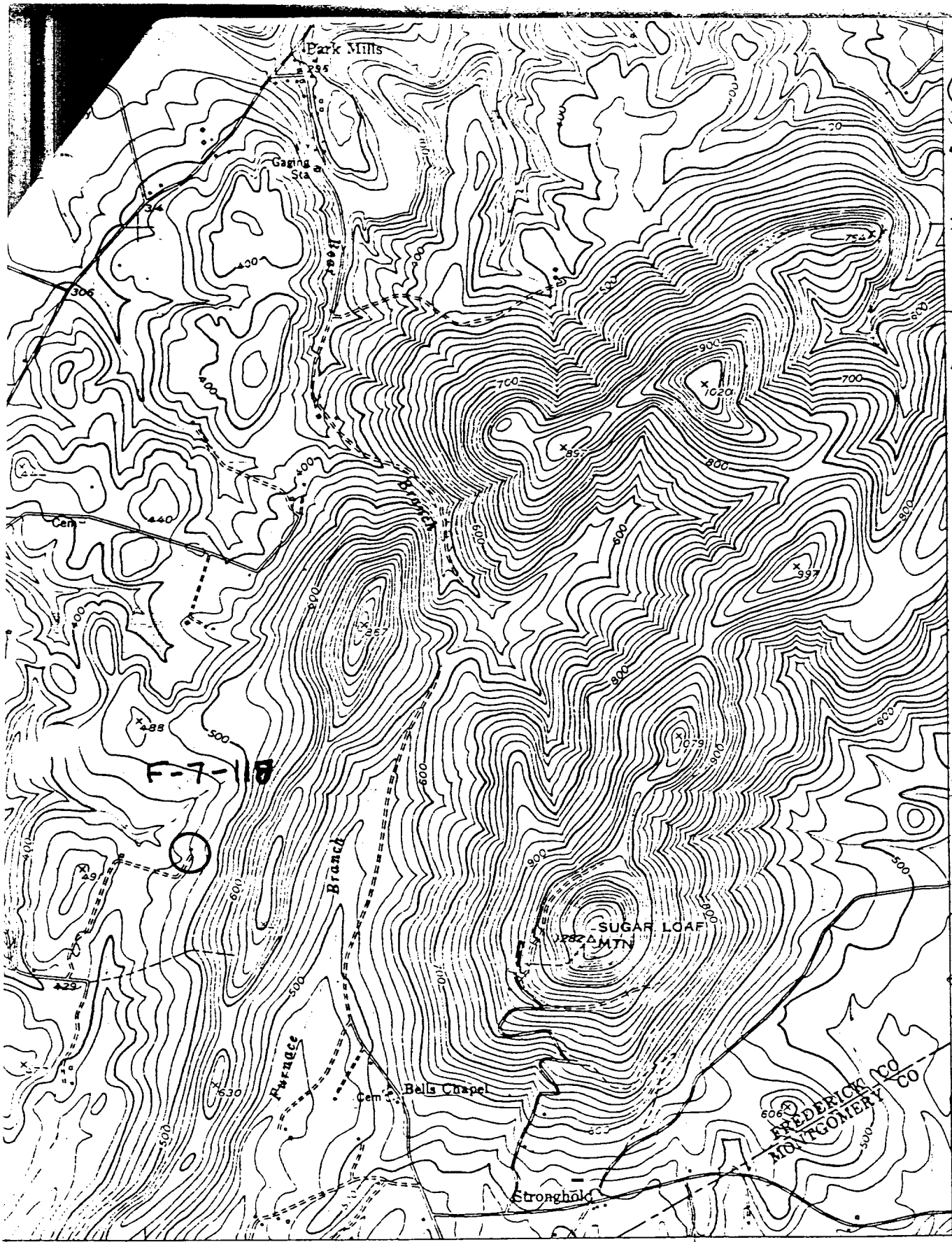
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	Medium duty	Light duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route	State Route	

BUCKEYSTOWN, MD.-VA.

(GERMANTOWN)
5552 III NE

F-7-118
(12/93
Janet Davis)



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43°51'

43°50'

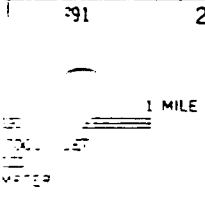
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43°48'00" N.

39°15'

77°22'30"

GERMANTOWN
5552 III NE



MARYLAND

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| Heavy-duty | ————— | Light-duty | ————— |
| Medium-duty | ————— | Unimproved dirt | ----- |
| ○ Interstate Route | ○ U.S. Route | ○ State Route | |

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